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1. Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-identified application: a 5 page amendment, a copy of a post-card, and an amended Figure 3.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this application required by this communication to Deposit Account No. **07-1350**. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed 3/26/03, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C₁
The product shown in the '698 patent is sold by Danville Engineering of San Ramon, CA. This product is designed for use by a dental professional in a dentist office and not for home use by individual consumers. As such, some of the features of the product make it not suitable for home use. For example, the Danville product does not include an integral air compressor and electric motor to run the compressor. Accordingly, a consumer would have to buy a separate air compressor and place it in their bathroom along with the Danville product in order to use the system. Such an arrangement is inconvenient and would clutter up the bathroom counter.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 45 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C₂
Air Force Inc. of Holland, MI sells a product called the Dental Air Force. This system uses air mixed with water and dental cleaner (sodium bicarbonate) to remove food and plaque off the teeth. Air delivers cleaner into tiny spaces between teeth and along the gums. Air and cleaner are sprayed from the end of a slim tip to remove plaque from the oral cavity.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C₃
Deldent Ltd discloses a series of dental products which appear to be for use by dental professionals and not by people in their homes. This company sells several air polishing units which the company claims operates at 35 psi.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C₄
Referring to Fig. 3, reservoir 16 holds a slurry 46 (in Figs. 2 and 3, top 18 has about the same diameter as reservoir 16; whereas in Fig. 1, top 18 has a larger diameter than the reservoir).